

**NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF GENERAL PERMIT 3-9014**  
**NPDES GENERAL PERMIT FOR SMALL MUNICIPAL**  
**SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS (MS4)**

Please be notified that the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (the Agency) has issued National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit 3-9014 on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2003 for discharges from small municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4) to certain waters of the state. This NPDES general permit establishes requirements, standards, prohibitions and management practices for discharges of storm water from small MS4s.

Owners and/or operators of small MS4s that discharge storm water will be required to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to the Agency to obtain coverage under the general permit. The NOI must describe how the small MS4 will comply with the requirements of the permit.

Once an NOI has been submitted, public notice will be provided to the municipal clerk of the municipality in which the discharge is located and the public will have ten days to comment on the request for coverage under the general permit. Anyone wishing to receive notification by e-mail or in writing of the start of the public comment period for a specific small MS4 or all MS4s may contact the Water Quality Division of the Department of Environmental Conservation at the address or telephone number listed below.

After the close of the public comment period the Agency will provide the small MS4 with a written determination of whether its coverage under the general permit has been approved or denied. In the event of a denial of coverage the small MS4 will have to apply for an individual NPDES permit.

Pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 1269 any person or party in interest aggrieved by the Agency's decision to issue this general permit may appeal to the Water Resources Board. The notice of appeal must be filed (ie: received) at the Water Resources Board, National Life Records Center Building, Drawer 20, Montpelier, VT 05620-3201 (telephone (802) 828-3309) within 30 days of the date of this decision.

General Permit 3-9014 and a summary of the Agency's response to public comments on the permit are available on-line at <http://www.vtwaterquality.org/stormwaterMS4.htm>. If you are unable to download the permit or responsiveness summary you may request a copy by calling 802-241-4320 or by sending a written request to: Water Quality Division, 10 North, 103 South Main Street, Waterbury, VT 05671-0408.